

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, before line 2, please insert a heading and a subheading as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 has been changed as follows:

This invention relates to screening apparatus. In particular the invention relates to vibratory screening apparatus including a polymeric screening panel, screening modules for use in such screening apparatus, and methods for their connection, and for illustrative purposes reference will be made to this application. However, it is envisaged envisioned that this invention or elements of it may find application in other screening applications such as fixing rigid screen panels to a support frame of such an apparatus, and in stretched screen apparatus.

On page 3, before line 3, please insert a heading as follows:

SUMMARY

On page 9, before line 9, please insert a heading as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 10, before line 1, please insert a heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The paragraph beginning at page 10, line 6 has been changed as follows:

The screen support member 11 comprises a fabricated stainless steel frame 14 having right angle section end portions 15 interconnected at their ends by welded on peripheral

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stringers 16. The peripheral stringers are inter-connected at their mid-point by a transverse intermediate frame member 17. The end-portions 15 are interconnected at their mid-points by an intermediate stringer 18 which is slotted and welded to accept a similar treatment on the transverse intermediate frame member 17. The peripheral stringer 16 transverse intermediate frame member 17 and intermediate stringer 18 are of flat bar section of the same width, the end portions 15 are of lesser width in the same direction than the aforementioned stringers and frame members for reasons that will become apparent hereinafter. Each of the ~~pains~~ panes defined by the end portions 15, peripheral Stringers 16 and transverse intermediate frame members 17 are bisected transversely by transverse webs 20 of the same width in section as the corresponding dimension of the right angle section end portions 15. The intermediate stringer 18 is relieved at points 21 flush with the right angled section end portions 15 and is further relieved at 22, the relief points 21 and 22 being made for reasons that will become apparent hereinafter.

The paragraph beginning at page 11, line 27 has been changed as follows:

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The peripheral mounting portion 40 defines a peripheral channel 43 best illustrated in Fig 7 and described hereinafter in conjunction with the form of the screen panel engagement bead 34 and intermediate screen engagement beads 36. As illustrated in Fig 10, the beads 34, 36 have a crown 44 and inner wall 45 defining the bead body, the crown 44 being provided at its outer edge a bead 46 adapted to extend laterally out of the ~~plain~~ plane of the screen panel 12 in use. The peripheral channel 43 of the screen panels 12 are provided with an inwardly directed lateral bead 47 whereby downward pressure on the panel effects passage of the bead 47 over the bead 46 to effect partial engagement of the screen panel 12 with the screen panel engagement beads 34 and intermediate screen engagement beads 36. The inner wall 45 has a lower edge terminated by an undercut 50. The peripheral channel is bounded at the lower edge of its inner wall by a corresponding protuberant portion 51 whereby ~~defamation~~

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deformation of the peripheral channel 43 on downward pressure on the peripheral mounting portions 40 causes the protuberant portion 51 to enter and engage with the undercut 50. By this means, the peripheral channel 43 effectively serves to double lock the screen panels 12 to the screen support member 11 against dislodgment vertically out of the plane of the screen deck.
